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Dear Mr. Jaffe,

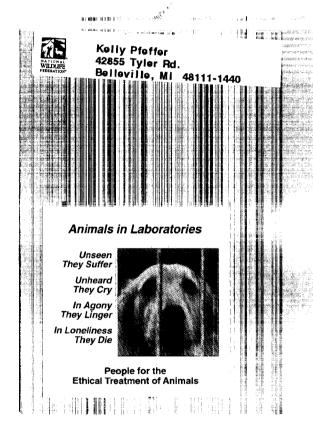
I am writing to let you know that I am in support of the petition to ban the forced molting of layer hens. Research has shown that forced molting is a major cause of salmonella poisoning in eggs. It is a proven fact that the stressful conditions weaken the birds' immune systems so badly that they become prone to disease, bone breakage and salmonella infections. The result is sick birds and contaminated eggs. Perhaps the most unspeakable horror of forced molting is the suffering the hens are forced to endure. In fact, forced molting is so cruel that, in 1987, it was banned in Great Britain, and most European countries do not allow food deprivation for more then 24 hours. Yet, in North America, no laws protect these poor birds. Please, help pass the petition to ban the forced molting of layer hens. If not for the abominable suffering which the hens are forced to endure, then for the safety and health of Americans everywhere. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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